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Northpoint Receives Perfect PREA Audit Score

FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 4, 2016) – Northpoint Training Center (NTC) received a perfect score on its Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) audit with five standards exceeding the requirement. Signed into law Sept. 4, 2003, PREA is intended to improve the detection, prevention, reduction and prosecution of sexual harassment and abuse in correctional facilities across the country.

“I could not be more proud of the staff at NTC, who diligently follow PREA standards and guidelines on a daily basis,” said NTC Warden Don Bottom. “Our effort to exceed expectations was definitely evident in the audit results.”

The audit team consisted of three PREA auditors, all from the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services — Luke Morris, Sarah Nelson and Deanna Johnson, who served as the chairperson for the team.

The audit, including the tour and interviews, confirmed staff and inmates at NTC knew and practiced the written policy according to the auditors. During the closeout session, Johnson commented that she was impressed with the professionalism of NTC staff and the leadership at the facility for the proficient training on PREA standards.

Corrections Commissioner Rodney Ballard also congratulated the NTC employees on the perfect score.

“It goes without saying passing a PREA audit is not by luck, but by hard work from the Warden to the Correctional Officer,” said Ballard. “I am very proud of the NTC staff for their hard work.”

PREA audits consist of 43 national standards that ensure compliance with all facets of this federal legislation. Each of Kentucky’s 13 prisons will receive an initial PREA audit within the first three-year audit period that concludes in August 2016, with follow-up audits conducted once every three years on a continuous cycle.

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